

A) Amendments to the claims:

1. (currently amended): A ~~portable~~ handheld computer mouse system comprising at least one mechanical mouse button and having at least one touch pad, wherein said at least one touch pad is integrated into a cavity opening formed in said at least one mechanical mouse button, said handheld computer mouse system further comprising a handheld mouse system housing for supporting said at least one mechanical mouse button, said mechanical mouse button being movably mounted within said mouse system housing and capable of independent movement relative to said mouse system housing to invoke a highlighting mode without physical movement of said mouse system housing.
2. (currently amended) The ~~portable~~ handheld computer mouse system of claim 1, wherein said at least one mechanical mouse button is a press button.
3. (currently amended) The ~~portable~~ handheld computer mouse system of claim 1, wherein said at least one mechanical mouse button is a press and lock button.
4. (currently amended) The ~~portable~~ handheld computer mouse system of claim 1, wherein said at least one mechanical mouse button is a sliding panel button.

5. (currently amended) The ~~portable~~ handheld computer mouse system of claim 1, wherein said mechanical mouse button has at least one finger pressing device formed thereon for application of pressure for causing movement of said at least one mechanical mouse button relative to said mouse system housing.
6. (currently amended) An auxiliary computer mouse, wherein said auxiliary computer mouse comprises a computer mouse housing supporting at least one mechanical mouse button, and at least one touch pad, said mechanical mouse button being movably mounted within said mouse housing and capable of independent movement relative to said mouse housing to invoke a highlighting mode without physical movement of said mouse housing wherein ~~said auxiliary computer mouse functions to point and reposition a screen cursor without physical movement of said auxiliary computer mouse.~~
7. (previously amended) The auxiliary computer mouse of claim 6, wherein said at least one mechanical mouse button is a press button.
8. (previously amended) The auxiliary computer mouse of claim 6, wherein said at least one mechanical mouse button is a press and lock button.
9. (previously amended) The auxiliary computer mouse of claim 6, wherein said at least one mechanical mouse button is a sliding panel button.

10. (previously amended) The auxiliary computer mouse of claim 6, wherein said at least one touch pad is integrated into a cavity opening formed in said at least one mechanical mouse button.
11. (currently amended) The auxiliary computer mouse of claim 6, wherein said at least one touch pad is integrated into a cavity opening formed in a sidewall of said auxiliary computer mouse housing.
12. (currently amended) The auxiliary computer mouse of claim 6, wherein said ~~auxiliary computer mouse comprises~~ a housing that is separate from a central processing unit housing and separate from a keyboard housing.
13. (currently amended) An auxiliary computer keyboard, wherein said auxiliary computer keyboard comprises a keyboard housing, said keyboard housing comprising at least one mechanical mouse button ~~positioned~~ movably mounted in said keyboard housing, and at least one touch pad mounted ~~positioned~~ in said keyboard housing, said mechanical mouse button capable of independent movement relative to said keyboard housing to invoke a highlighting mode without physical movement of said keyboard housing, and said keyboard mouse manipulates and relocates a screen cursor without physical movement or repositioning of said keyboard housing or said mechanical mouse button.

14. (previously amended) The auxiliary computer keyboard of claim 13, wherein said at least one mechanical mouse button is a press button.
15. (previously amended) The auxiliary computer keyboard of claim 13, wherein said at least one mechanical mouse button is a press and lock button.
16. (previously amended) The auxiliary computer keyboard of claim 13, wherein said at least one mechanical mouse button is a sliding panel button.
17. (previously amended) The auxiliary computer keyboard of claim 13, wherein said at least one touch pad is integrated into a cavity opening formed in said at least one mechanical mouse button.
18. (previously amended) The auxiliary computer keyboard of claim 13, wherein said at least one touch pad is integrated into a cavity opening formed in a sidewall of said keyboard housing.
19. (previously amended) The auxiliary computer keyboard of claim 13, wherein said at least one mechanical mouse button is integrated into a cavity opening formed in a sidewall of said keyboard housing.

20. (currently amended) The auxiliary computer keyboard of claim 13, wherein said at least one mechanical mouse button has at least one finger pressing device formed thereon for application of pressure for causing movement of said at least one mechanical mouse button.
21. (currently amended) The ~~portable~~ handheld computer mouse system of claim ~~4~~, wherein said sliding panel button is capable of being displaced forward, backward, sideways, or diagonally from an initial position ~~portable computer mouse system is a laptop computer.~~
22. (currently amended) The ~~portable~~ handheld computer mouse system of claim ~~3~~, wherein said ~~portable computer mouse system is an auxiliary mouse system~~ press and lock button is provided with a means for allowing said press and lock button to pivot.
23. (currently amended) The ~~portable~~ auxiliary computer mouse system of claim ~~6~~, wherein said ~~portable~~ computer mouse housing system is an auxiliary computer keyboard housing.
24. (currently amended) The ~~portable~~ handheld computer mouse system of claim 1, wherein said ~~portable~~ handheld computer mouse system manipulates and relocates a screen cursor without ~~does not require physical movement or repositioning of said handheld mouse system housing to position or manipulate a screen cursor.~~

25. (currently amended) The ~~portable~~ handheld computer mouse system of claim 1, wherein at least one wall forming said cavity opening in said mechanical mouse button remains in a face-to-face relationship with at least one wall of the touch pad during manipulation of said at least one mechanical mouse button.
26. (currently amended) The ~~portable~~ auxiliary computer mouse ~~system~~ of claim 1, wherein said ~~portable~~ computer mouse ~~system~~ functions to point and reposition a screen cursor without physical movement of said mouse ~~system~~ housing.
27. (currently amended) The ~~portable~~ handheld computer mouse system of claim 1, wherein said ~~portable~~ computer mouse system functions to point and reposition a screen cursor without physical movement of said mechanical mouse button.
28. (currently amended) The ~~portable~~ handheld computer mouse system of claim 1, wherein said at least one mechanical mouse button and said at least one touch pad are adapted to move together in a desired direction relative to a said ~~portable~~ computer mouse system housing.
29. (currently amended) The ~~portable~~ handheld computer mouse system of claim 1, wherein said mechanical mouse button with said touch pad comprises a backlit area that is illuminated during said highlighting mode.

30. (currently amended) The auxiliary computer mouse of claim 6, wherein said at least one mechanical mouse button is integrated into a cavity opening formed in a ~~sidewall~~ top wall of said auxiliary computer mouse housing and said at least one touch pad is integrated into ~~an area~~ a sidewall of said auxiliary computer mouse housing and adapted to be manipulated with a thumb of a user.
31. (currently amended) The auxiliary computer mouse of claim 6, wherein said at least one touch pad is integrated into an area of said auxiliary computer mouse housing separate from said mechanical mouse button.
32. (currently amended) The auxiliary computer ~~keyboard~~ mouse of claim ~~43~~ 6, wherein said computer mouse housing is a keyboard housing is separate from a central processing unit housing.
33. (currently amended) The ~~portable~~ handheld computer mouse system of claim 1, wherein at least one wall forming said cavity opening in said mechanical mouse button is in a face-to-face relationship with at least one wall of the touch pad.
34. (currently amended) The ~~portable~~ handheld computer mouse system of claim 1, wherein at least one wall of said at least one touch pad extends into said cavity opening.